

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the Abstract of the Disclosure and the disclosure are objected to.

In connection with the Examiner's objections, applicants wish to make the following remarks.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The specification has been amended as well as pointed by the Examiner in paragraph 3. In particular, the amended parts of the specification are page 12, lines 12-13; page 10, line 6-7; page 10, line 14; page 10, line 17 and page 11, line 17; page 11, lines 8-10; page 11, lines 11-12; and page 11, line 14.

As for the Examiner's comments with respect to the "reference numeral 19" which is described in the specification on "teeth" on page 8, line 9 but does not appear as such as Figure 2, it is respectfully submitted that in Figure 2 the part indicated with reference numeral 19 is the teeth. Also, in the specification it is further described that the teeth "18, 19...engage in

transmission gears 20, 21, which is also shown in Figure 1". This clearly means that the element 19 also appears in the drawing as the teeth.

The Examiner apparently did not understand how the arresting of the disk 40 occurs when torque transmission is performed from the tool holder 12. In connection with this, applicants wish to make the following remarks.

On page 10, last paragraph, it is described that "A radial distance between the disc 40 and the arresting ring 43 is provided in the cylindrical region of the disc 40 following the region of the driver element 41. It is sufficient to receive the claws 39a, b, with a small movement gap. In the region of the flattening 42, a radial distance between the arresting ring 43 and the disc 40 increases. In this region a cylindrical roller body 45 with a small movement gap is received, with a diameter exceeding the radial thickness of the claws 39a, b." This means, since the roller bodies are urged in direction toward the torque-transmitting claws 39a, and the diameter of the roller bodies exceeds the radial thickness of the claws the roller bodies are clamped between the arresting ring 43 and the disc, since their diameter is too big for the radial distance between them. Like this the disc is arrested, since it is clamped by the roller bodies.

The Examiner further questioned, what holds the roller bodies 45 in the position shown in Figure 3. It should be pointed out that Figure 3 shows an intermediate position of the roller bodies and the claws, in which the roller bodies are not held. The movement and the position during torque transmission is described in the specification.

The Examiner further indicated that Figure 3 does not appear to be an accurate cross section of Figure 2, since the bearing is not shown in Figure 3. He also stated that the bearing in Figure 2 is not shown in Figure 3. In connection with this, it has to be pointed out that Figure 2 does not show a bearing, but a bearing seat 25. As is described on page 11, line 3-4: "The disc 240 is arranged on a bearing seat 25 of the intermediate shaft 17 with a geometrical form-locking connection." This means, that the bearing seat 25 is the surrounding of the shaft 17, which is in a form-locking connection with the disc 40. As can be seen from Figure 1, the cross section along II-II is not completely centrally to the center of the shaft 17. Therefore the part in Figure 2 with the cross is the planar part of the shaft 17, as shown in Figure 3. The other parts of the shaft 17 are the rounded parts of the shaft 17. This means that the bearing seat 25 belong to this rounded part and the planar part of the shaft 17 and therefore to the whole peripheral circumference of the shaft 17, which is also shown in Figure 3 by the indication of the reference numeral 25.

In view of the above presented remarks and amendments, it is believed that the questions raised by the Examiner have been clarified and the Examiner's rejection of the specification under 35 U.S.C. 112 should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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